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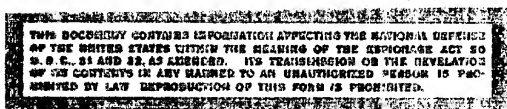
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1. At a meeting of the Main Department for Trade Relations of the East German Chamber of Foreign Trade (Kammer fuer Aussenhandel) (KfA) held during the first week of February, (fnu) Wolter laid down the following general work plan for the Main Department:
  - a) Foreign trade with France and England is to be doubled.
  - b) Direct business connections between East Germany and Argentina, Brazil and Chile are to be established.
  - c) An extensive campaign aimed at the thorough exploitation of trade possibilities with the Near East is to be initiated.
2. On 9 February 1953, the Main Department for Trade Relations received a letter from DIA-Maschinen urgently requesting imports of ball and roller bearings used in the construction of vehicles. It was suggested that attempts be made to procure these critical items from France, England, Italy, Sweden or Switzerland. It is becoming increasingly more difficult for East Germany to obtain such materials from West Germany.
3. The Iranian trade delegation, recently reported to be in East Germany, left East Berlin in the first week of February 1953. The delegation took with it a contract amounting to 1,065,000 U.S. dollars.
4. The East German Committee for the Promotion of World Trade (Komitee zur Foerderung des Welthandels), which was formed as a result of the Moscow Economic Conference, is located in the same building as the KfA. The primary function of the Komitee seems to be to maintain contact with other committees founded at the conference. Practically speaking, the Komitee is identical with the KfA, since the actual work of the Komitee is performed by KfA employees.

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